

# Minutes of

## *Geology Graduate Student Association*

*January 19, 2011*

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Patrick Whelley in the Planetary Lab (HOCH 444).
- II. Attendance: Timothy O'Brien, Lauren Fortson, Alex O'Hara, Patrick Whelley, Sarah Ogburn, Andrew Rankin, Jessica Ball, Mickael Smolen, Greg Babonis, Jamal Amin, Timothy Holling, Carolyn Roberts
- III. Old Business:
  - a. Officer reports:
    - i. Senate rep, Tim O'Brien, informed us that he is no longer able to attend the senate meetings because of his class schedule.
    - ii. Treasurer: We have \$0 right now, which is temporary in light of winter party ticket sales and \$200 encumbered for graduate student research funding.
    - iii. Faculty Liaison: the faculty did not meet over break; nothing to report.
  - b. Updates:
    - i. Simon Pendleton was unanimously voted in as the Senate rep for the semester (Greg Babonis proposed, Patrick Whelley seconded and 10 people voted yes). Tim O'Brien will get GSA paperwork to make this official.
  - c. Committee reports:
    - i. Winter party: Tickets are still on sale through 1/27/12. Students can purchase tickets through Sarah Ogburn. **All INVOGE students are encouraged to attend this wonderful event.** The Flying Men will be performing most of the time, and an iPod/Laptop will fill in the gaps.
      1. We may have cake issues. Cupcakes will be the alternative solution.
      2. We will have a "photobooth" type setup like at last year's Winter Party, but with borrowed props from other grad students
      3. A jeopardy game setup and slideshow setup were proposed but the group collectively disagreed due to the lack of space at the venue.
    - ii. Outreach: We want to start going to other campuses to talk about UB geology.
    - iii. Student research funding from GGSA: The committee needs authority to review applications, select applications, and grant money to selected applications. Tim O'Brien proposed, Patrick Whelley seconded and 10 people voted yes. The committee has control of \$200 (which can be reassessed later).
    - iv. Visitors: Dr. John Pallister from the USGS will be visiting 2/9-2/10, his schedule has been sent around in an email if students would like to view the available times to meet him. Contact Jessica Ball for scheduling.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. FYI: Spring 2012 SBI Programming Grant applications are now available. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.
  - b. BAPG: Alex O'Hara sent out an email regarding student research submissions to be featured in future BAPG newsletters. This would be a great way to get student research out there.
  - c. We were asked to discuss contributing to the Graduate School of Education's Research Symposium (4/5/2012) in exchange for our participation in the symposium. But our funds

situation prevents us from being able to contribute this year.

- d. Patrick is resigning, effective 2/3/12. Andrew Rankin will then take over as President.
- e. The new meeting time, determined by club officer availability, will be Mondays at 1pm.
- f. The next GGSA meeting will be Monday, 2/13/12 at 1pm in HOCH 444.

V. Adjournment

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Carolyn Roberts*  
*Geology Graduate Student Association Secretary*